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Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

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Video Conference Call Subcommittee Minutes of 6/30/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven I Lanzet, LCPC, LMFT

Tami S Kammer, LMFT, LCPC

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Baughman, LCPC

Spencer Zitzman, LMFT Regina R Moro, LPC

DIVISION STAFF: Dawn Hall, Section Chief

Nicholas Krema, General Counsel Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel Pam Rebolo, Board Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Trena Peckham, Buhl

Steve Moody, Idaho State University Liz Horn, Idaho State University Jessica Harrison, Idaho Counseling

Association

Leslie Davidson, Idaho Marriage & Family

Association

Anna Krzemieniecki, Idaho Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

Aimee Chaille, Licensee Lisa Semmler, Licensee

Beronica Salazar, Idaho Counseling Association

Jillian Winters, Licensee

Gemma Utting

Aida Midgett, Boise State University Counseling

Department

The meeting was started at 1:00 PM MDT by Steven Lanzet, LMFT.

DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING RULE CHANGES

Mr. Lanzet and Ms. Kammer were assigned as a subcommittee to gather information of possible rules changes for Rule 150 to eliminate the licensed professional counselor license (LPC) as an independent license and Rule 300 for endorsement. Mr. Lanzet and Ms. Kammer addressed the stakeholders to determine if the need to eliminate the LPC licensure or change the requirement to gain more supervision hours was in the best interest of public protection. There was some concern from the stakeholders that this was not in the best interest for LPC applicants or the individuals who already hold the LPC license due to the fact that individuals need to pay for supervision and the accessibility to gain additional supervision.

In regard to proposed changes to Rule 300 changing the 5 year requirement of holding a license in another state, to 0-1 years of having a license without discipline in another state was agreed upon with the stakeholders.

Mr. Lanzet also went on to explain various portability options as follows:

The American Counseling Association and they say that a counsel who is license as independent in home state and no discipline shall be eligible for any state they are seeing residence and the state they are going may require a jurisprudence.

The American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), & the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) called NCLEP 2.0 and they are back to the highest level of practice in state and Option 1 supports the continuation of the complete review process currently utilized by a state.

Option 2 offers a streamlined version of review, accepting evidence of required experience previously reviewed by another licensure board and educational requirements previously reviewed by another recognized professional organization. With Option 2, regulatory boards are assured that the experience and education requirements have already been subject to stringent review by another responsible party, providing critical protections for the public. Additionally, Option 2 clearly indicates that applicants through the streamlined process are still subject to any jurisprudence assessment and/or criminal background check requirements a state may require.

After discussion, Mr. Lanzet took a poll to determine which option the stakeholders felt was best to move forward. One voted for Option 1; twelve voted for Option 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:30 PM MDT.